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ADVANCE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH

MODERNIZE HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURE -- Budapest, Magyar Nemzet, 8 May 51

This year 40,000 cadastral yokes of land are available for agricultural research by several hundred scientists. The government has made available a sum of 36 million forints for agricultural research in 1951.

There are 17 agricultural research stations in Budapest and elsewhere.

Nut trees can now be propagated through grafting, reducing the time required for a tree to bear nuts from 25 to 5 years.

Significant results have been obtained in improving the quality of green peppers. Efforts have been made to reduce the peppers' hotness, to increase the ascorbic acid content, and to improve the color at the same time. A new kind of sweetened green pepper has also been developed.

The most important research has been conducted in the field of the two-crop system [crop rotation?]. Attempts have been made to obtain species of drought-resistant plants. The question of utilizing sandy areas has occupied scientists who work on the propagation of broom corn. Broom corn has been developed to such an extent that sufficient quantities of seeds will be available by next year.

Scientists are experimenting on 200,000 cadastral yokes of marshland. They are trying to establish which plants will produce the best yields while improving the quality of the soil. Certain species of fodder and hemp seem to be best suited for this purpose.

All agricultural institutes and several state farms and cooperatives are active in the propagation of self-pollenizing corn. Large quantities of seeds of this type of corn will be available by next year.

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Increasing efforts are being made toward acclimatizing lemons. Three thousand young lemon trees have been received from the Soviet Union and have been planted at agricultural stations at Fertod, Villany, and Akali.

Experiments are being conducted to establish which species of grass is best suited to a given type of soil.

MCST SPRING PLANTING COMPLETED -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 7 May 51

Most of the planting in Hungary was completed by 1 May, and work started on the care of the plants.

Planting plans for barley and oats have been completed 100 percent, for corn 79 percent, and that for sugar beets has been exceeded. The planting of cotton was completed almost 100 percent between 22 and 27 April.

Because of favorable precipitation, good crops can be expected throughout the country.

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